



## U.S. Embassy Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Please follow the steps below *before* your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

### Step 1: Get a medical exam in Uzbekistan

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Uzbekistan. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below for a list of designated doctors’ offices in Uzbekistan. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these doctors before your interview.

[Medical Exam Instructions](#)

### Step 2: Complete your pre-interview checklist

It is important that you bring all required original documents to your interview. We’ve created a checklist that will tell you what to bring. Please print the checklist below and bring it to your interview along with the listed documents.

[Pre-Interview Checklist](#)

### Step 3: Review interview guidelines

Read our interview guidelines to learn about any special actions that you need to take *before* your visa interview.

[Interview Guidelines](#)

#### Contact information

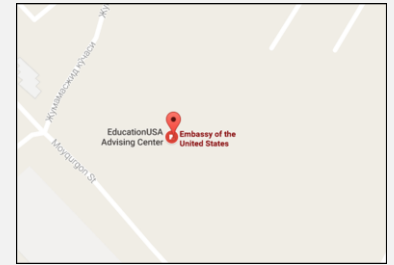
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## Medical Exam Instructions

All immigrant visa applicants, regardless of age, require a medical examination prior to the issuance of a visa. Only physicians accredited by the U.S. Embassy can perform this exam. **It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with the clinic listed below before your visa interview appointment** at the U.S. Embassy. We recommend that you schedule a medical exam at least three (3) weeks prior to your visa interview to ensure the results of your medical examination are ready. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted.

### Approved clinic

#### **Tashkent International Clinic (TIC)**

38 Sarikulskaya Street, Tashkent

Telephone: (998-71) 291 0142, 291 0726, 120 1120, or 120 1144

Website: [www.tashclinic.org](http://www.tashclinic.org)

Map: <http://tashclinic.org/how-to-find-us/>

### Items to bring to your medical examination

Applicants younger than 17 years of age **must be escorted** to the medical exam by a parent or a legal guardian. You should bring the following items to your medical exam:

- Your biometric passport and one photocopy,
- Six (6) photos sized 3x4 cm,
- Your visa interview appointment letter with immigration case number,
- Vaccination records (local form #063) obtained from local medical service provider (polyclinic),
- A contact name and address in the United States,
- Your address in Uzbekistan, and
- Your optic glasses or contact lenses, if applicable.

### During the medical exam

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, and chest X-ray, gonorrhea test, syphilis test and blood test (for applicants 15 years of age or older). The United States also requires tuberculosis (TB) testing for all applicants two (2) years of age and older. Please be prepared to discuss your medical history, medications you are taking, and current treatments. More information on general medical requirements for U.S. immigrants is available [here](#).

**Medical Examination Fees:** You must pay all medical examination fees directly to the examining physician or clinic. Current fees are as follows:

| Applicant's age             | Exam fee  | Included in the fee  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|
| 15 years of age and older   | USD \$205 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) for gonorrhea</li><li>- Serologic test for syphilis</li><li>- Chest x-ray, radiology consult and DVD</li><li>- Physical examination and documentation</li></ul> |
| 14 years of age and younger | USD \$90  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- TB screening test</li><li>- Physical examination and documentation</li></ul>   |

Applicants who need confirmation screening and/or treatment (if tested positive) for TB, syphilis or gonorrhea will incur additional costs. If the physician determines that any vaccinations are needed, there will be an additional charge per vaccination. Please see below for detailed information on required medical tests.

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## Medical Exam Instructions



**Vaccinations:** U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of a visa. Current immigrant visa vaccination requirements are available [here](#). You can also read Frequently Asked Questions about our medical examination requirements [online](#).

**TB screening:** Tuberculosis is a disease of public health significance to the United States. All applicants 15 years of age and older, including pregnant women, are required to have a chest radiograph. All applicants two (2) to 14 years of age will be tested with a tuberculin skin test. If these tests indicate signs of TB, the applicant must undergo additional TB testing in accordance with U.S. regulations titled "[Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment Technical Instructions \(TB TIs\) using Cultures and Directly Observed Therapy \(DOT\) for Panel Physicians](#)." The additional tests will be conducted at a designated laboratory in Uzbekistan. The U.S. Embassy in Tashkent will issue a referral to the local laboratory with specific instructions. If physicians conclude after these confirmatory tests that the applicant has tested positive for TB, s/he will be required to undergo treatment in accordance with U.S. regulations on "[Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment Technical Instructions \(TB TIs\) using Cultures and Directly Observed Therapy \(DOT\) for Panel Physicians](#)" at a designated clinic in Uzbekistan.

**Syphilis screening:** All applicants 15 years of age or older must be tested for syphilis. Applicants under 15 must be tested only if there is reason to suspect infection with syphilis, or if there is a history of syphilis. A Rapid Plasma Reagin [RPR] or equivalent test will be used for screening. If the result is inconclusive, a confirmatory screening will be performed at a designated laboratory in Uzbekistan. The U.S. Embassy will issue a referral to the laboratory with specific instructions on additional syphilis testing. If physicians conclude after these confirmatory tests that the applicant has tested positive for syphilis, s/he will be required to undergo treatment in accordance with U.S. regulations titled "[CDC's Sexually Transmitted Disease \(STD\) Treatment Guidelines](#)" at a designated clinic in Uzbekistan.

**Gonorrhea screening:** All applicants 15 years of age or older must be tested for gonorrhea. Applicants under 15 must be tested only if there is a history of gonorrhea or reason to suspect infection with gonorrhea. A nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) will be used for screening. If the result is inconclusive, a confirmatory screening will be performed at a designated laboratory in Uzbekistan. The U.S. Embassy will issue a referral to the laboratory with specific instructions on additional testing. If physicians conclude after these confirmatory tests that the applicant has tested positive for gonorrhea, s/he will be required to undergo treatment in accordance with U.S. regulations titled "[CDC's Sexually Transmitted Disease \(STD\) Treatment Guidelines](#)" at a designated clinic in Uzbekistan.

### After the medical exam

The medical examination results will be sealed in an envelope and delivered to the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent by the clinic prior to your immigrant visa appointment. If granted a visa, your medical exam results will be returned to you in a sealed envelope after your visa interview. **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE. You will need to bring it with you when you enter the United States for the first time as an immigrant,** and give it to U.S. immigration authorities.

## Pre-Interview Checklist ☒



**Please use the list below to determine the items that every applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview.**

**Any documents that are not in English, Uzbek, or Russian must be accompanied by a certified English translation:**

- ☐ A copy of your interview letter.
- ☐ Unexpired passport valid for eight (8) months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States and a photocopy of the biographic page (where your name and photo are located). While it is not required for visa issuance, we recommend that you get an OVIR exit stamp/foil prior to your interview.
- ☐ Two (2) color photographs of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm). Please review our [online photo requirements](#).
- ☐ Confirmation page from the Form DS-260 Application for an Immigrant Visa you submitted online at [ceac.state.gov/iv](https://ceac.state.gov/iv). (Not required for fiancé or K visa applicants.)
- ☐ Your **original** birth certificate, English translation, and a photocopy. If your name has changed, please provide a name change document issued by a court or vital records office. For individuals whose name changed via the vital records office in Uzbekistan, you must get an official excerpt from the vital records office.

**Applicants who fall into any category listed in italics below should bring these additional documents:**

*For family-based visa applications:*

- ☐ The appropriate [Form I-864 Affidavit of Support](#) for **each** financial sponsor along with a photocopy of the sponsor's IRS transcript or most recent U.S. federal income tax return, and any relevant W-2s.
- ☐ Proof of your U.S. petitioner's status and [domicile](#) in the United States (photocopy of a U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, or lawful permanent resident card).
- ☐ Evidence of the relationship between the petitioner and visa applicant (such as photographs, letters, or emails).
- ☐ *If you are older than 16 years of age:* The **original** police certificate from your country of current residence **and** countries of previous residence. If these three items are **all** true, you must bring a more recent police certificate to the interview:
  1. You are older than 16 years;
  2. You obtained a police certificate and submitted it to NVC more than one year ago; and
  3. You still live in the country that issued the police certificate.

To obtain a police certificate from Uzbekistan, you must apply at the Republican Information Center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Uzbekistan at 1, Yunus Radjabiy Street, Tashkent. *Any visa applicant who has been arrested or convicted of a crime in Uzbekistan should obtain a police certificate detailing their criminal history and bring all related court documents to the visa interview* in order to avoid unnecessary visa processing delays. This detailed police certificate is required even if government authorities dropped the charges, expunged the individual's criminal record, or granted the applicant amnesty.

Applicants who completed Soviet military service outside what is now Uzbekistan (i.e. in Russia, Germany, Ukraine, etc.) must present police certificates from those countries. For information on how to apply for a police certificate in another country, please visit the [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) and select the desired country from the drop-down menu.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR APPLICANTS WHO SERVED IN THIRD COUNTRIES DURING MILITARY SERVICE:** A Ministry of Defense clearance certificate providing information regarding criminal records or convictions during military service in a third country does not serve as a substitute for a police certificate from that country.

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- ☐ *If you have ever been convicted of a crime:* Court and criminal records, and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you are married:* Your **original** marriage certificate and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you were previously married:* Your **original** divorce or spouse's death certificate, and a photocopy.
- ☐ *Uzbekistan Military Records/Book:* Bring your original military book plus a photocopy. Military books are not required for individuals who are older than 16 years of age and who: (1) have **not** served in the mandatory draft or the mobilized draft reserve (МПР); (2) have **not** completed the military education course as part of their academic curriculum in a higher educational institution in Uzbekistan; or (3) are **currently** enrolled in a higher educational institution in Uzbekistan. These exempt individuals, however, must present a draft registration card (приписной билет) in place of a military book.
- ☐ *For employment-based visa applications:* Letter from your U.S. employer dated less than one month ago and proof of your qualification for the visa.
- ☐ *If you are adopted:* Adoption papers or custody documents, and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you are the petitioner's stepchild:* The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent, and a photocopy along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.
- ☐ *If you are applying for an IR5 (parent of a U.S. citizen) or F4 (brother/sister of a U.S. citizen) visa:* Bring the **original** birth certificate of the petitioning U.S. citizen and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you are a follow-to-join derivative applicant* (the parent or spouse who was the principal beneficiary on the petition is already in the United States): Bring evidence of the principal applicant's status change in the United States. This can be shown with a copy of Form I-551 and/or other documentation from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security verifying the principal applicant's legal status.

*If you are applying for a K1, K2, K3, or K4 visa:*

- ☐ Confirmation page from the Form DS-160 Application for a Non-Immigrant Visa you submitted online at [ceac.state.gov](https://ceac.state.gov).
- ☐ An I-134 Affidavit of Support is not required but may be requested by the consular officer. Please bring financial documents to show that the applicant will not become a public charge in the United States. Such documents may include, but are not limited to: the petitioner's most recent tax transcripts from IRS; bank account statements; earnings and leave statements; and/or letters from a U.S. employer.

# Interview Guidelines



## Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please send an email to [tashkentiv@state.gov](mailto:tashkentiv@state.gov). **There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment**, so please attempt to attend the date already assigned. For some family-based and employment preference visa categories, a visa became available within the month you have been scheduled by NVC. DV applicants should be aware that visas are numerically limited and must be issued by September 30 of the program year. **There is no guarantee that a visa will still be available on the date of your rescheduled interview.** Please carefully consult the [Visa Bulletin](#) before you request to reschedule your interview.

## Security screening procedures

All visitors to the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent must follow certain security procedures. Any visitor who declines to be screened by U.S. Embassy security personnel will be unable to enter the embassy. To avoid delaying your entry and that of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview. We recommend you arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment. If you are late, you may not be allowed into the embassy for your appointment.

## Accompanying persons

The following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- Special Needs Visitors: Applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly or disabled.
- If a custodial parent is not with them, minors under 16 years of age **must** be accompanied by a legal guardian appointed under a signed and notarized power of attorney issued by the petitioner.
- If the petitioner for your immigrant visa is currently in Uzbekistan, please bring them to your appointment. While their attendance is not required, it can be helpful in verifying your relationship to the petitioner.

To notify the embassy that one of the above persons will attend your visa interview with you, please email [tashkentiv@state.gov](mailto:tashkentiv@state.gov). All persons entering the embassy must bring their passport. Please see our [Contact Us](#) webpage for more information.

Please note that attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview.

## Immigrant visa fees

If you have not paid all required fees to the National Visa Center, please be prepared to pay these fees on the day of your interview. All fees may be paid in U.S. dollars. We accept cash and credit cards only. *Please note that if you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded.* A complete list of fees can be found [here](#).

## Do not make travel plans outside of Uzbekistan

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the embassy while we prepare your immigration packet and print a visa for your passport. If you have to travel within Uzbekistan while your passport is still with us, please make sure you keep a copy of your passport.



## Diversity Visa Applicants – Additional Information



A consular officer can make a decision on a visa application only after reviewing the formal application and interviewing the applicant. ***There is no guarantee that you will receive a visa.*** Do not sell your house, car or property, resign from your job or make non-refundable flight or other travel arrangements until you have received your immigrant visa.

### If more information is needed

Sometimes a consular officer is unable to make a decision on a visa application because he/she needs to review additional documents or the case requires further administrative processing. *When additional documents are requested*, the consular officer will give you a refusal letter that asks you to submit additional documents. The letter will include instructions on how to submit those documents to the embassy. *Administrative processing* takes additional time after the interview. Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days. However, the timing varies based on the circumstances of each case. Before inquiring about the status of administrative processing, please wait **at least 60 days** after your interview.

### What happens after visa approval

**Passport, Visa, and Sealed Immigrant Packet** – We will place your immigrant visa on a page in your passport. Please review your visa to make sure there are no spelling errors. We will also give you a sealed envelope containing documents that you must give to U.S. immigration authorities when you arrive in the United States for the first time. ***Do not open this envelope. You must carry it with you; do not put it in your checked luggage.*** If you receive X-rays during your medical examination, carry those with you and give them to the U.S. immigration authorities.

**USCIS Immigrant Fee** – All individuals who are issued immigrant visas overseas must **pay an Immigrant Fee** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) **prior to traveling** to the United States. This fee is for processing your residency status and printing your Permanent Resident Card. The only people exempt from paying this fee are: children entering the United States under the Hague Process, returning residents, and people traveling on a K visa.

**When You Should Travel** – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration date on your visa, which is usually six months from the date of printing. Your visa cannot be extended and all fees are nonrefundable. The principal applicant must enter **before or at the same time** as other family members with visas. Unless they are eligible for benefits under the Child Status Protection Act, children who are issued a visa before turning 21 years of age must enter the United States **before** their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday to avoid losing their immigrant status.

**Getting a Green Card** – Your Form I-551 Permanent Resident Card, also known as a green card, will be automatically mailed to the address in the United States that you write in your visa application form. This is a very important document that proves you have permission to reside in the United States. *If you plan to travel outside the U.S. before your green card arrives:* Please consult [USCIS's](#) and [CBP's](#) websites for rules about what documents you need to re-enter the country. We also recommend you check with the airline to ensure you are in compliance with their rules. *Once your card is issued, you should not stay outside of the United States for more than one year. If you do, you will lose your status as a Lawful Permanent Resident.*

**Children's Issues** – In the United States, children are required to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school. We recommend that you bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States. If your child is adopted, you have full custody as a result of a divorce, or you share custody with another parent, you should bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custodial papers from the authoritative court in your home country. You will need these papers (translated into English) for issues such as school enrollment, medical care, and eventual citizenship.

**Information for New Immigrants** – Please visit the USCIS web page for helpful information on moving to the United States. You can read their publication "[Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants](#)" online.